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Dear Mr. Terreni,

Upon being informed recently of the net metering policy that the state of South Carolina may be considering, I have been moved to express my concerns regarding this important issue. As a native South Carolinian, I feel it is high time for our state to promote such a policy in legislation in order for South Carolina to move in a positive direction that expresses our commitment to addressing environmental concerns.

A net metering policy would be an incredible incentive to the private sector to adopt environmentally friendly techniques. By reducing the long term costs of investing in pricey renewable energy technologies, more consumers would be apt to include photovoltaic energy production as a part of the design of residential and commercial spaces. While a retail rate credit would cost local power companies dollars that would have been gained from the sale of electricity, this internal cost would be insignificant compared to the revenues generated by the companies that would instal these technologies. I believe such a policy would create jobs in the renewable energy industry, which would spur economic growth. The loss of revenue for the mega-businesses such a Duke power is also insignificant when compared to the external costs of conventional energy production. By reducing the amount of non-renewables used, especially those that generate green house gasses, South Carolina would have the opportunity to be at the forefront of environmentally friendly practices.

I believe it is now South Carolina's turn to join the other 40 states that have included a net metering policy for renewable energy production as a part of legislation. Let us work together to get our great state headed in a more sustainable direction.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,


Daniel Lawson Revan

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